

Under the provisions of Section 413.031 of the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, Title 5, Subtitle A of the Texas Labor Code, effective June 17, 2001 and Commission Rule 133.305, titled Medical Dispute Resolution-General, and 133.307, titled Medical Dispute Resolution of a Medical Fee Dispute, a review was conducted by the Division regarding a medical fee dispute between the requestor and the respondent named above. This dispute was received on 8-7-03.

I. DISPUTE

Whether there should be reimbursement for CPT code 90801.

II. FINDINGS and RATIONALE

DOS	CPT CODE	Billed	Paid	EOB Denial Code	MARS (Maximum Allowable Reimbursement)	Reference	Rationale
9-27-02	90801 (90 min)	\$270.00	\$0.00	A	\$3.00 / min	Rule 134.600(h)(4)	<p>Rule 134.600(h)(4) states, "The non-emergency health care requiring preauthorization includes: all psychological testing and psychotherapy, repeat interviews, and biofeedback, except when any service is part of a preauthorized or exempt rehabilitation program."</p> <p>90801 is defined as a Psychiatric diagnostic interview examination including history, mental status, or disposition. Per Rule 134.600(h)(4), repeat interviews require preauthorization, not the initial interview. The Psychological Clinical Interview report does not indicate that this was an initial interview. Furthermore, testing was done to obtain diagnostic impression; therefore, preauthorization is required. Requestor did not submit preauthorization approval report, no reimbursement is recommended.</p>

III. DECISION

Based upon the review of the disputed healthcare services within this request, the Division has determined that the requestor **is not** entitled to reimbursement for CPT code (90801).

The above Findings and Decision are hereby issued this 07th day of January 2004.

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